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For: **DNA AND PROTEINS OR PEPTIDES SPECIFIC OF THE
NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS SPECIES BACTERIA,
METHOD FOR OBTAINING THEM AND THEIR
BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS**

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March 26, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 26, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the attached Abstract after the claims pages.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to include the attached Abstract, in response to the attached Notice to File Missing Parts. The requisite fee is also attached.

The applicants requested an interview with the Examiner before the issuance of the first substantive Office Action, in a telephone message left by the undersigned for